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SUBJECT: TEMP STORAGE OF NAVAID UNIT IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

1. THE FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT, BEING MANAGED BY THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO), WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1979. MOST NATIONS ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN FGGE INCLUDING SRI LANKA. THE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPERIMENT IS VERY BROAD AND INCLUDES OUTFITTING SIX U.S. SHIPS WITH UPPER-AIR WIND-SOUNDING SYSTEM (NAVAID).

2. THE WMO HAS CONTRACTED WITH VAISALA OY OF HELSINKI, FINLAND TO MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL THESE NAVAID SOUNDING SYSTEMS ON SELECTED PARTICIPATING INTERNATIONAL SHIPS. THE USNS WILKESEN DESIGNATED AS A NAVAID SHIP FOR THE EXPERIMENT AND BECAUSE OF ITS FOREIGN IN PORT LOCATION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE WMO CONTRACT.

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3. THE USNS WILKES OPERATES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND INDIAN OCEAN, AND HAS VERY LIMITED INPORT TIME. VAISALA OY PLANS TO INSTALL THE NAVAID UNIT ON THE USNS WILKES DURING THE PERIOD 21-27 NOVEMBER 1978 IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA. VAISALA OY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE OF THE NAVAID SYSTEM PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY

OF THE U.S., IN PARTICULAR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) WHICH COORDINATES ALL U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN FGGE. A SHIPPING ADDRESS FOR THE WILKES
NAVAID SYSTEM HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

4. THE TOTAL NAVAID SYSTEM IS COMPRISED OF A NUMBER OF
INDIVIDUAL UNITS AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	VOLUME	GROSS WEIGHT
CM X CM X CM	CBM	KG	
1. 110 X 85 X 38	0.356	76	
2. 75 X 60 X 37	0.167	38	
3. 150 X 55 X 32	0.264	40	
4. 101 X 65.5 X 50	1.9	150	
5. 150 X 0.6	0.5	140	
6.	0.2	140	
7.	0.2	30	
8. 102 X 76 X 61	0.473	56.7	
9. 104 X 89 X 81	0.749	90.7	
10. 71 X 30 X 23	0.049	6.4	
11. 71 X 41 X 66	0.192	69.4	
12. 48 X 46 X 53	0.117	56.7	
13. 135 X 10 DIA.	0.014	1.8	
14. 102 X 119 X 51	0.620	117.9	
15. 203 X 203 X 92	3,791	388.7	

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16. 95 X 68 X 66	.43	68
TOTAL	10.02	1470.3

5. ALTOGETHER THE SYSTEM, SHIPPED AS ONE UNIT, REQUIRES
DRY STORAGE IN TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED ROOM (PREFERABLY AIR
CONDITIONED, TEMPERATURE NOT TO EXCEED 85 DEGREES F), AND
OCCUPIES A SPACE OF 10 CUBIC METERS AND WEIGHS APPROXI-
MATELY 1500 KG. A FLOOR AREA OF 4 METERS SQUARED WILL
ACCOMMODATE THE SYSTEM SNUGLY.

6. WOULD EMBASSY BE ABLE TO STORE THIS EQUIPMENT FOR THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1978 UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1978. IF SO,
NOAA WOULD INFORM VAISALA TO USE EMBASSY ON SHIPPING
ADDRESS, WITH CAPT. USNS WILKES AS CONSIGNEE. IF EMBASSY
SPACE NOT AVAILABLE, PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ESTIMATED
COST OF COMMERCIAL SPACE. NO OTHER ASSISTANCE
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